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Funeral services for brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, victims of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting, Oct. 30, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Cathal McNaughton.

BY SHIRI MOSHE &
BEN COHEN

The first of the funerals of the 11 victims of Saturday's antisemitic massacre in Pittsburgh took place on Tuesday afternoon, as almost 2,000 mourners bade farewell to David and Cecil Rosenthal — the two brothers murdered during gunman Robert Bowers' shooting spree at the Tree of Life Synagogue

in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood. The Rosentals' funeral took place at the historic Rodef Shalom Temple — a congregation whose roots go back to 1847, the decade when the first groups of Jews began arriving in this city. Local dignitaries and uniformed representatives of the emergency services joined the Jewish community in paying tribute to two individuals described by Rabbi Jeffrey Myers — who knew the brothers well from the

Tree of Life synagogue — as "the sweetest human beings you could ever meet."

In his eulogy, Rabbi Myers — who courageously evacuated several congregants from the sanctuary as Bowers opened fire with an assault rifle — remembered the devotion with which David and Cecil, both of whom were intellectually disabled, served the congregation.

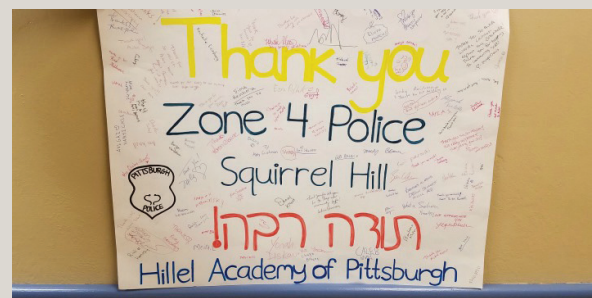
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Pittsburgh's Jewish Schools Seek Healing After Massacre

BY SHIRI MOSHE &
BEN COHEN

On Monday afternoon, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto stood outside the independent Jewish Community Day School (CDS) deep in conversation with a small gathering of staff and parents. In the two days since gunman Robert Bowers massacred 11 worshippers and wounded six others at the Tree of Life synagogue, Peduto told the group, he had seen "a real outpouring of love that's out there."

"It's all directions," Peduto remarked. "It's the support of the Jewish community from every community, this is everyone pouring in."



A thank you card to police from students at the Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh. Photo: Shiri Moshe / The Algemeiner.

For the four Jewish day schools serving this city's community of just under 50,000, Monday was the first opportunity for teachers and students to sit together and try and make sense of last Shabbat's atrocity. Mayor Peduto's point about the unity of Pittsburgh's diverse communities in the face of a hate crime that marked "the darkest day" in the city's history — as well as the deadliest antisemitic attack on a Jewish community in the United States — was reinforced in their classrooms.

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Special Editorial: #WeAreAllJews

Earlier this year, our colleagues at the three leading Jewish newspapers in the U.K. published the same front-page headline and joint editorial voicing concern over rising anti-Semitism in Britain's Labor party.

Today we have found a mournful occasion to follow in their footsteps.

For many Jews, the United States has long held a unique role in our collective imagination. It has been an unprecedented land of promise, of refuge, of freedom, opportunity and of safety.

But after the horrific attack this past Shabbat at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in which 11 of our brothers and sisters were brutally murdered, we can't help but be shaken and concerned for the America we have come to know and love.

We therefore join together to unequivocally condemn this brutal act of anti-Semitism and all deadly acts of hate. We also condemn the climate of hate that has been building for some time now, especially on college campuses and on social media, where the veneer of anonymity has allowed anti-Semitic cesspools to flourish, and from irresponsible political leaders who engage in hateful speech and who are abetted by the silence of others.

As journalists, we hold a variety of opinions about politics in this country and in Israel; the American Jewish community is diverse, and those differences are reflected on the pages of its media.

In coming together now, we are not erasing those differences, but rising above them, to issue a call for solidarity and respect,

and asking our political and communal leaders to do the same.

The gunman who invaded a sanctuary on Shabbat did not distinguish among his victims. To him, they were all Jews.

We are all Jews. Let this horrific massacre be a moment of redemption as well as grieving. Let us argue with each other as Hillel argued with Shammai — with civility. Let us acknowledge our common humanity with other Americans who have been subject to unconscionable violence, too.

Jewish media has a long and proud history in America, and we pledge to continue our mission to inform, reflect and bind our communities, even more necessary in this painful time.

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"No matter how early we arrived at the synagogue, Cecil and David would be there already," Rabbi Myers said. Having only been appointed as Tree of Life's rabbi last year, Myers said he had been struck by "the beauty with which the congregants treated" the brothers.

"If you could open up a picture dictionary and look up the definition of 'beautiful souls,' you would see a picture of Cecil and David," Rabbi Myers said. He reflected that "there was not an ounce of hate" in the brothers. "That's something we are missing terribly in our society today," Myers added.

Mourners also heard from David and Cecil's sister Diane and her husband Michael. Fighting back tears, they painted a moving picture of two boys with very different personalities, but a common love of helping other people.

"Had Cecil not been handicapped, he would have been the mayor of Squirrel Hill," his brother-in-law commented, drawing appreciative laughter from the crowd. "The last thing he said to me is in his thunderous voice was, 'We'll be seeing you in Florida for Thanksgiving.' Thanksgiving will never be the same."

Both David and Cecil "were kind, thoughtful, innocent — they were pure souls who carried no ill will towards anyone," their brother-in-law said.

As Rabbi Myers chanted the traditional mourning prayer "El Maleh Rachamim," pall bearers wheeled the two caskets carrying the brothers out of the synagogue, and on to their final resting place at Pittsburgh's Jewish cemetery.

Is America Any Different When It Comes to Antisemitism?



On November 9th, communities around the world will mark the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the infamous antisemitic pogrom that symbolized the acceleration of Hitler's murderous campaign against the Jewish people. The decimation of European Jewry was soon to follow.

On that night, in 1938, my grandmother, then only 9 years old, peered out of the window of her apartment on Vienna's Lilienbrunnengasse. On the street below she witnessed the devastation wrought on the neighboring synagogue. A Torah scroll, hallowed by Jewish worshipers, lay muddled on the ground. It was a scene that remains etched in her memory and she recounts it with crystal clarity to this day.

For American Jews, the commemoration this year will bear added tragic significance.

In what is being described as the "deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United States," a synagogue in the leafy, peaceful neighborhood of Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, was targeted during morning prayer services on Saturday. The white supremacist attacker killed 11 worshipers and wounded four others. FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Jones described the crime scene as the "most horrific" he'd seen in 22 years with the bureau.

For a community that still lives with the collective trauma of a tormented past, the attack presents a paradigm shift. In the past, the targeting of Jews for murder was largely thought to be centered on specific geographic regions. For many American Jews such attacks were of a historic nature, or, more recently, mostly confined to European countries with restive radical Islamist populations. Israeli Jews, as well, surrounded by myriad enemies, faced daily threats.

Now the US Jewish community must contend with a devastating new reality. Even here, in America, long seen in the Jewish consciousness as a place of refuge, a safe haven, Jews can be massacred in their houses of worship.

It affirms that for the ideology of antisemitism there are few established norms or constraints under which it can be expected to abide. It has endured through the ages and has proven its ability to transcend geographic boundaries and political ideologies. It has been present on the left and on the right, among communists, socialists and capitalists. It has taken on both religious and secular forms and has remained as venomous throughout.

Where America may find opportunity to stand out, however, is in its capacity to respond to antisemitic crimes.

In March 2012, an Islamist gunman murdered a teacher and three young children at a Jewish school in Toulouse in the south of France. Responding to the tragedy, famed Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel lamented what he saw as the transient nature of the sympathies expressed to the Jewish community.

Writing for *The Algemeiner* at the time

Wiesel said, "It often happens like this. Jewish blood is spilled and, temporarily, sympathy for Jews grows; the world warms to them." The attack, he feared, would be seen as a matter of unique concern to the Jewish community. He was right. The outrage soon diminished.

The matter was addressed again in 2015 by then-French Prime Minister Manuel Valls soon after another radical Islamist killed four shoppers at a kosher supermarket in Paris.

In an address to the French Parliament just days after the attack, Valls thundered from the podium, "We haven't shown enough outrage." Enumerating a number of recent antisemitic attacks in France, Valls noted that the incidents "did not produce the national outrage that our Jewish compatriots expected."

"When the Jews of France are attacked, France is attacked, the conscience of humanity is attacked," he continued. "Let us never forget that."

In contrast, the general American response to the bloodshed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh signals a widespread, natural and genuine sense of deep solidarity with US Jewry.

President Trump rightly referred to the attack as "an assault on all of us," and flags across the country are flying at half mast. Americans of all stripes attended vigils in the thousands and donated funds to the families of the victims. Religious denominations from across the spectrum rushed to voice their support. Cultural figures and sports teams too joined the fray, adding their prominent voices to a growing chorus of concerned fellow citizens.



Viral logo created by Tim Hinds in the aftermath of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue on Oct. 27, 2018. Photo: Screenshot.

There is much soul-searching that remains in the days ahead. There are many unanswered questions. How was the attacker's murderous hatred allowed to fester among us? How will future atrocities be prevented?

Yet, when American Jews gather to mourn the victims as they are laid to rest in the coming days and when soon after we mark the Kristallnacht anniversary, many will ask themselves if America is indeed different.

It is true that the hatred which has plagued the Jewish people lives here too, yet it is a society that has also shown a unique capacity to appropriately respond to the spreading prejudice. American Jews will be encouraged by the outpouring of support and hopeful that the country will remain a haven for years to come and among the safest the community has ever settled.

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World News.

Netanyahu Spokesman Eviscerates Iranian Foreign Minister Over Pittsburgh Tweet

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Ofir Gendelman, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Arab media spokesman, rebuked Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on Monday in a sharp Twitter exchange on the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre.

Zarif tweeted, in an apparent dig at US President Donald Trump, "Extremism and terrorism know no race or religion, and must be condemned in all cases. The world deserves better than to have to live with weaponized demagoguery."

"Thoughts and prayers with victims of terrorist attack on Pittsburgh synagogue and their loved ones," Zarif added.

Gendelman shot back, "Says the foreign

minister of a tyrannical regime that is the world's #1 sponsor of terrorism, that swears every day that it will destroy my country & kill its 9 million citizens, that bombed the Jewish center in Buenos Aires & helped Assad murder hundreds of thousands of Muslims."



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

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"In general, we feel like Pittsburgh is a really safe place to live," Mark Minkus, who heads the middle school at CDS, explained to The Algemeiner. But that sense of security was brutally interrupted by the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue, as demonstrated by the words of a student who spoke at a huge community vigil on Sunday night. "She said, 'I'm a different Jew than I was yesterday,' which really struck me," Minkus reflected. "I think that everyone's world changed on Saturday, and this safe haven experienced something it had never experienced before. That has certainly been shocking not just for the kids, but for the adults who live and work in the community as well."

On Tuesday morning, the eighth grade students at CDS will lead a remembrance vigil at the impressive Holocaust memorial that sits across the street from their school. The "Keeping Tabs" sculpture takes the shape of the Star of David, and is made of glass blocks filled with six million aluminum "tabs" collected and counted by CDS students over nearly a decade — the perfect location for what Minkus called "a show of solidarity and unity against all forms of hate in the world." Indeed, studying the Holocaust has helped older students to contextualize Saturday's attack. "We have difficult conversations all the time, the students are used to it," said Jackie Goldbloom, a middle school teacher at CDS who leads the Holocaust curriculum.

Still, the emphasis as the school day began on Monday was a return to normalcy as quickly as possible. Rabbi Sam Weinberg, principal and education director at Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, said he was encouraging his students "to learn, to pray, to do acts of kindness for people who might need it, and to keep going."

With the younger children especially, Weinberg elected not to emphasize the antisemitic nature of the attack, symbolized by Bowers' blood-curdling cry of "All Jews must die" as he opened fire on worshippers.

"I don't think they could understand it," he explained. "You don't want kids to feel scared to be Jewish."

Weinberg added: "I discussed the flip side, that just like there are people who hate us because we're Jewish, there people love us because we're Jewish, and we're all one family."

Weinberg said the students had made

cards for the police officers, first responders, nurses, and doctors — as well as for 70-year-old Daniel Leger, a nurse and hospital chaplain who was critically injured in the attack.

"He lives right there," Weinberg said, pointing toward a nearby window. "We are just ready to hear what people need."

Pittsburgh's Jews have always been proud of the tolerance that prevails in their community, and that has been an additional source of strength for teachers and students. "It's a remarkably unique community, with Reform, Conservative and Orthodox intermingling, I don't think you find it anywhere else," Rabbi Yossi Rosenbloom, education director at the Chabad-affiliated Yeshiva Schools told The Algemeiner as he stood in the school's bustling hallway. "I think we all realize that the attack wasn't against one denomination, it was against being Jewish."

A Pittsburgh native himself, Rosenbloom is proud that his school continues to thrive 75 years after its creation. One of the Tree of Life victims, 87-year-old Melvin Wax, was among the original crop of students that attended the school, he noted.

"I'm aware that there are a lot of neo-Nazis and white supremacists in Pennsylvania, but I never imagined that this would happen — never," Rosenbloom remarked. Yet he is adamant that the school's spirit, and that of the community more broadly, won't be broken. "The kids have been great," he smiled. "But we do want to get back to normal."

Until that day comes, Pittsburgh's Jews can count on the solidarity of the outside world. In the halls of the Hillel Academy, Noa and Eliraz — two Israeli teenagers who are currently spending a year with Pittsburgh's Jewish community — were preparing cards for the police officers and first responders wounded on Saturday, as well as coordinating messages of support from around the globe.

"We asked people in Israel to send a picture of themselves with the sign, 'We are with you Pittsburgh,'" Eliraz explained, "and we got more than 4,000 photos in response."

She said that Saturday's attack had taken her by surprise.

"We thought here it was a nice and quiet place," Eliraz said. "It's crazy. It can happen anywhere, no one can know."

"The difference between Israel and here, is that here they're not used to it," Noa said. "They need the support from Israel, from all around the world, so we're trying to help them."

Israeli Minister at Vigil: Antisemitism 'Not a Distant Memory,' but a 'Clear and Present Danger'



Diaspora Affairs Minister Naftali Bennett addresses a memorial vigil for the victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, Oct. 28, 2018. Photo: Alexi Rosenfeld.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Antisemitism is a "clear and present danger," a top Israeli government minister said on Sunday, at a memorial vigil for the victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre.

Diaspora Affairs Minister Naftali Bennett flew to Pittsburgh in the wake of Saturday's shooting, in which 11 Jews were murdered by a white supremacist. On Sunday, he met with local officials and visited the Tree of Life synagogue, where the attack took place.

At the vigil, held at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, Bennett told a crowd of more than 4,000 people, "Today, we stand in the shadow of death. In the shadow of evil. In the shadow of a cowardly, terror attack on Jews who were in synagogue to pray. The deadliest antisemitic attack in the history of the United States."

He continued, "But today, I met the people, and the leaders of the community here in Pittsburgh, and I didn't see death. I saw life, strength. I saw a warm community, of love and unity. I saw the Tree of Life, which will never be uprooted by hatred."

"We stand together, as Jews from all communities united, as well as members of all faiths," Bennett declared. "Together we stand. Americans, Israelis. People who are together saying, 'No to hatred.' The murderer's bullet does not stop to ask: are you Conservative or Reform, are you Orthodox? Are you right wing or left wing? It has one goal, and that is to kill innocent people. Innocent Jews."

"Nearly eighty years since Kristallnacht, when the Jews of Europe perished in the flames of their houses of worship, one thing is clear," he went on to say. "Antisemitism, Jew hating, is not a distant memory. Antisemitism is a clear and present danger. From Sderot to Pittsburgh, the hand that fires missiles is the same hand that shoots worshippers. We will fight against the hatred of Jews, and antisemitism wherever it raises its head. And we will prevail."

"Freedom will overcome. Unity will defeat division. Love will defeat hatred. Light will defeat darkness. Am Yisrael Chai," Bennett concluded.

Pittsburgh Rabbi Regrets Not Being Able to Save More of His Congregants From Massacre

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The rabbi of the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh where 11 Jews were murdered by a white supremacist gunman on Saturday has told an interviewer that he regrets that he was unable to save more people.

"I could only save some," Rabbi Jeffrey Myers said in a conversation with "CBS This Morning" co-host Bianna Golodryga. "The people in the back of the sanctuary I could not save."

Asked whether the shooter — 46-year-old Robert Bowers, who was arrested at the scene — could ever be forgiven, Myers

replied, "Wow. Big question. I just don't know. The wounds are too open to answer that. I have to really think about that. Can you really forgive everybody for all evil is one of those big theological questions and right now I can't answer it."



CBS THIS MORNING "I COULD HAVE DONE MORE" RABBI MYERS DESCRIBES EFFORTS TO SAVE CONGREGANTS

World News.



A woman casts her ballot at a voting station on the morning of Israel's municipal elections, on Oct. 30, 2018, in Efrat. Photo: Gershon Elinson/Flash90.

Israelis Across the Country Vote in Municipal Elections

BY JNS.ORG

Israelis headed to the polls on Tuesday to vote in municipal elections, with 863 candidates vying for mayoral positions and 3,400 people campaigning to be elected heads of regional councils.

Voting booths opened at 7 am for a record 6,653,808 eligible voters to cast ballots.

Communities with fewer than 350 residents will be able to vote until 8 pm, with all other ballot boxes open until 10 pm—11,000 ballot boxes in total at 4,000 polling stations across the country, guarded by 16,000 police officers, as well as Border Police, and run by thousands of volunteers.

In a bid to raise municipal voting rates from the traditional 50 percent, Israel's Interior Ministry closed schools and public facilities for the first time since 1986 in an effort to encourage a higher turnout.

Voting will also take place at 27 prisons and jails. Voting at Israel Defense Forces' bases began Saturday night and will end on Wednesday, allowing more time for soldiers who are engaged in field missions.

Four Druze municipalities were set to hold elections in the Golan Heights for the first time, but candidates in two of them received threats from Arab sources, causing all the candidates to drop out.

Seventeen Israeli municipalities have just one candidate running for mayor, including Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut, Rehovot, Mevaseret Zion, Givatayim, Ma'ale Adumim and Nazareth Illit.

Even in those elections, voters will be able to cast a vote for or against the single candidate. If the candidate receives more votes against than for, the elected city council members will choose the town's mayor.

Doctor: First Three People to Treat Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooter at Hospital Were Jews

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The first three people to treat Pittsburgh synagogue shooter Robert Bowers at Allegheny General Hospital were Jewish, the president of the hospital revealed in a television interview that aired on Monday.

"We are here to take care of sick people," Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, who is also a member of the Tree of Life synagogue where Saturday's

massacre of 11 worshipers took place, said. "We're not here to judge you. We're not here to ask, 'Do you have insurance or do you not have insurance?' We're here to take care of people who need our help."

The 46-year-old Bowers — who was wounded in a gunfight with police before he was arrested — appeared in a federal courtroom on Monday and was ordered held without bond for the deadliest attack ever on America's Jewish community.

European Jewish Security Body on Pittsburgh Massacre: 'American Jewry Is Only Now at Beginning of Long Journey'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The European Jewish Congress' Security and Crisis Centre's CEO said on Tuesday that American Jews were "only now at the

beginning of a long journey" to ensure their security against antisemitic violence.

In a statement issued by the EJC, SACC CEO Ophir Revach commented on the group's decision to offer its expertise to the American Jewish community, and particularly the Jews

Israeli Diplomat Calls for 'Strong' European Response to Iran After Revelation of Thwarted Denmark Attack

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Israeli diplomat called on Tuesday for a "strong, united European response" to the Tehran regime after Denmark revealed it suspected an Iranian intelligence service had tried to carry out a plot to assassinate an Iranian Arab opposition figure on its soil.

"Now it's official," Israeli Ambassador to Denmark Benny Dagan tweeted. "Iran's death squads have been operating on European soil for quite some time."



Benny Dagan @BennyDagan

Now it's official. Iran's death squads have been operating on European soil for quite some time. Now also in #Denmark. It's high time for a strong, united European response against #Iran on this issue and others. #terror #dkpolberlingske dk/samfund/iransk...

8:58 AM - Oct 30, 2018



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A Norwegian citizen of Iranian background was arrested in Sweden on Oct. 21 in connection with the plot and extradited to Denmark, Swedish security police said.

The Norwegian has denied the charges and Tehran also rejected the allegations on Tuesday.

The attack was meant to target the leader of the Danish branch of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA), Danish intelligence chief Finn Borch Andersen said.

ASMLA seeks a separate state for ethnic Arabs in Iran's oil-producing southwestern province of Khuzestan.

"We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil," Andersen told a news conference. "Obviously, we can't and won't accept that."

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi dismissed the accusations. "This is a continuation of enemies' plots to damage Iranian relations with Europe at this critical time," Tasnim news agency quoted him as saying.

European countries are trying to save a 2015 nuclear deal between the Tehran regime and world powers after President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the pact and announced the reimposition of sanctions on Iran.



Members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps march in a parade in Tehran, Sept. 22, 2011. Photo: Reuters / Stringer / File.

Andersen said the arrested Norwegian citizen had denied charges in court of helping a foreign intelligence service plot an assassination in Denmark.

Arabs are a minority in Iran, and some see themselves as under Persian occupation and want independence or autonomy.

Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen said on Twitter that the reported attack plot was "completely unacceptable."

"The government will respond to Iran and is speaking with European partners on further measures," Samuelsen said.

On Sept. 28, Danish police shut two major bridges to traffic and halted ferry services from Denmark to Sweden and Germany in a nationwide police operation to prevent a possible attack.

A few days earlier, the Norwegian suspect had been observed photographing and watching the Danish home of the ASMLA leader, police said.

In November 2017, Ahmad Mola Nissi, an Iranian exile who established ASMLA, was shot dead in the Netherlands. The Danish security service then bolstered police protection of the ASMLA leader in Denmark and two associates.

Last month, Iran summoned the envoys of the Netherlands, Denmark and Britain over a Sept. 22 shooting attack on a military parade in Khuzestan in which 25 people were killed.

Iran accused the three countries of harboring Iranian opposition groups.

Another Arab opposition group, the Ahwaz National Resistance, and the Islamic State militant group both claimed responsibility for the parade attack, though neither has provided conclusive evidence to back up their claim.

Last week, diplomatic and security sources said France had expelled an Iranian diplomat over a failed plot to carry out a bomb attack on a rally in the Paris area by an exiled Iranian opposition group.

of Pittsburgh, following Saturday's massacre of 11 worshipers by a white supremacist gunman at the Tree of Life synagogue.

"The security doctrine you see in Europe is the result of decades of evolution," said Revach. "It was built on lessons from terrorist attacks monitored over decades and adjusted constantly. It's pretty comprehensive."

"American Jewry is only now at the beginning of a long journey," he added, "but they do not need to reinvent the wheel as we can assist them in shortening this journey dramatically with our knowledge, experience, and expertise."

EJC President Moshe Kantor stated that European Jewish communities were poised to aid their American brethren, saying, "Unfortunately, the European Jewish community has a lot of

experience with such attacks, and after each terrorist attack we understood better how to prepare for the next one to try and prevent it or at least lessen its impact."

Kantor feels that American Jewish life will not be the same from now on, stating, "Given the new reality the American Jewish community is facing, we are offering our assistance with how to protect our communities and to deal with any future crises."

"Attacks on the Jewish community in places like France, Belgium, and Denmark in recent years have taught us hard lessons about how to balance security needs while continuing to ensure Jews feel safe and secure and Jewish life continues as normally as possible," he added.

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Impressions.

How to Respond to the Unspeakable Tragedy in Pittsburgh

BY ELISHA WIESEL

Adapted from remarks delivered at Anshe Chesed community vigil on New York's Upper West Side on Oct 27th, 2018.

How to respond to unspeakable tragedy?

Even an event as tragic as this threatens to divide us rather than unite us.

I read the news articles on my Facebook feed:

From the Corbyn left in England, a whisper that the Jews bring this on themselves for having failed to make peace in Israel with our Palestinian neighbors.

From the NRA followers right here at home, a suggestion that more guns will fix the problem.

From the Jews on the liberal extreme, I find an online comment suggesting that their Republican brethren are kapos – yes, that word is used – and are to blame for the shooting.

And from some in Israel, a sad belief that American Jews seem to think this is different from what Israel lives with every day, and a sad disbelief to see what appears to be a condolence letter from Hamas sent to American Jewry.

How to respond to unspeakable tragedy? And I think to myself: How would my father respond?

He didn't fight or lower himself into the muck with those who had only nasty things to say.

He didn't debate Holocaust deniers, or right-wing nationalists, or anti-Zionists whose total preoccupation with Israel exposed them as antisemites.

He showed up. He shone a light. He became a light, by how he lived.

He was kind and gentle to others. He listened. He spoke. He put questions to those who needed to hear them. And he lived as a Jew.

Which is what we can say about our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh.

They lived and died as Jews, davening (praying) on Shabbos.

They died because they were Jews, because they clung to Jewish values in a time where values are adrift, and because they lived those values. They faced the death of the Jewish people that is assimilation and they stood against it, continuing to worship despite their dwindling numbers. They led with compassion and included two developmentally disabled brothers – counted among the deceased – fully into their service. And they and their fellow congregations in Squirrel Hill put the very important question on the table of our obligation to those seeking refuge in this country. They welcomed HIAS and for this they were killed.

We as Jews have survived for thousands of years and have tens of thousands of opinions. How will we work together to confront hatred when we disagree on so many things? We will work together because our disagreements are how we will make progress. Because those disagreements put us in positions to fix different things.

If you march for progressive values, then it is your prerogative and your responsibility to fix the

challenges of how and for whom to create paths to citizenship cry out for creativity and collaboration. Fight that deaf ear and that cold-heartedness, and do it without compromising for an instant on seeking for this to be a country that is secure and prosperous.

And if you somehow find yourself caught in the center – God help you, then expect hatred from all corners – but it is your prerogative and your



A woman reacts at a makeshift memorial outside the Tree of Life synagogue following Saturday's shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Oct. 29, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Cathal McNaughton.

progressive left. Those shouting from across the aisle of social media will never achieve that, but you can. You are associated with movements whose leaders declare that supporting women's rights and the rights of our African-American brothers and sisters to not be terrorized by the police are inextricably linked with the fight against a safe and secure Jewish homeland, movements where the Magen David (Star of David) is barred from Pride parades. Fight that antisemitism, and do it without compromising for an instant on seeking for this to be a country that is blind to skin color, sexual orientation or gender.

If you are on the conservative side of policy, then it is your prerogative and your responsibility to for God's sake fix the nationalist right. Those shouting from across the aisle of social media will never achieve that, but you can. You are associated with movements where assault rifles are seen as our national inheritance, where racists hear a call to action even as leaders insist none has gone out, where the trait of compassion for the stranger is in danger of being extinguished – even as the

responsibility to build bridges and create spaces where well-meaning and thoughtful people can come together to find solutions.

Make this world better exactly where you find yourself in it. Do so precisely where you are in your politics, where you are in your faith – do you, after all, think the shooter stopped to see if there was a mechtza (room divider between women's and men's sections) in the Tree of Life synagogue? – and make this world better where you are in your everyday life.

Show your children that you are committed to Jewish values. Observe one more mitzvah (good deed). Talk to one more person whom you are tempted to yell at. And go to shul (synagogue) next Shabbos and keep those values alive.

Elisha Wiesel is an American businessman and the only child of Jewish writer, activist, and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TML CONSULTING,LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/09/2018 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail Copy of the process to: The LLC 2015 Foster Ave. apartment #53 Brooklyn, NY 11210 purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 9/28; 10/5/12/19/26;11/2

Notice of Formation of EJ 18th Avenue LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/6/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 7302 18th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 10/5/12/19/26; 11/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATION-STAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 15, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57525 AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will

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be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190 AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, vs. KATHY R. JONES, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 31, 2017, and Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale, Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc and Amendment of Caption filed on August 22, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1239 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8067 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$518,052.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4095/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -against- HARVEY B. PACHT A/K/A HARVEY PACHT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 14, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 136 in the condominium known as "The Brook Club Condominium", together with a .5989% undivided interest in the common elements. Block: 8060 Lot: 1180 Said premises known as 8110 AVENUE L 3, UNIT NO. 136, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$333,455.75 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 2351/2014. STEVEN J. BAKER ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 5025.1838 AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Enjoy My Kakes & Katering,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/25/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybe Served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to : The LLC 106 marcy place apartment 2C bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/9/16

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SUPERNAL LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 22 N6th Street,APT 4I Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).NAME: REQUIRED SAFETY LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/09/2018. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Required Safety LLC 229 Colony Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SH1 ASSET SECUTITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-HE2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST YVEROSE LAMOUR SEVERE INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINIS-TRATRIX TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, MITCHELL SEVERE, HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, SHEILA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, WANDA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 04, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 804 EAST 40TH, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5014, LOT 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$786,570.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 500864/2015. STEVEN NAIMAN, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58003 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

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BERGER FINK LLP filed Cert. of Registration with the SSNY on 8/14/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLP, 26 Court St., Penthouse, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Purpose: Law. AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, LP, Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A LIVINGSTONE RODNEY A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/ RODNEY, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered May 9, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GLEN R. EDMONDS, ROCHELLE JOHN-EDMONDS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 21, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 429 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1677 and Lot 48. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1597/15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch,

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Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, PC., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against WILLIAM A. STALLONE, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 29th day of November, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Brooklyn, as said Tax Map was on May 27, 1981, for Block 7949, Lot 235, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Preston Court distant 527.85 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Preston Court with the Westerly side of East 56th Street; RUNNING thence Northerly at right angles to Preston Court and part of the distance through a party wall 165.73 to land now or formerly of the right of way of the Long Island Railroad Company; THENCE Westerly along said land of the Long Island Rail Road Company 20.01 feet to a point; THENCE Southerly at right angles to Preston Court 165.34 feet to the Northerly side of Preston Court; THENCE Easterly to the Northerly side of Preston Court 20 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 21 Preston Court, Brooklyn, NY. 11234. (Block: 7949, Lot: 235). Approximate amount of lien \$ 303,103.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500904-14. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite - 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered June 8, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

Tradition.

On Judaism and Islam



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The language of the Torah is, in Erich Auerbach's famous phrase, "fraught with background." Behind the events that are openly told are shadowy stories left for us to decipher. Hidden beneath the surface of *Parshat Chayei Sarah*, for example, is another story, alluded to only in a series of hints. There are three clues in the text.

The first occurs when

Abraham's servant is returning with the woman who is to become Isaac's wife. As Rebecca sees Isaac in the distance, we are told that he is "coming from the way of Be'er-lahai-ro'i" (24:62) to meditate in the field. The placement is surprising. Thus far we have situated the patriarchal family at Be'ersheva, to which Abraham returns after the binding of Isaac, and Hebron, where Sarah dies and is buried. What is this third location, Be'er-lahai-ro'i, and what is its significance?

The second is the extraordinary final stage of Abraham's life. In chapter after chapter we read of

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LEMON NAILS & SPA, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Jessica C Alulema 90-23 149th St., Apt. 5 K Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

STATEWIDE FUNERAL SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/05/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1814 East 22nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff, -against- ELIECER TORRES; ARTURO TORRES; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SCHAEFFER LANDING NORTH CONDOMINIUM; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; MIKE BLACK; MRS. BLACK (FIRST NAME REFUSED), Index No. 20760/2013. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, September 20, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on September 26, 2018, Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 440 Kent Avenue, Unit 14A, Brooklyn, New York 11211 A/K/A Two Schaefer Landing, Brooklyn, New York 11211 at public auction at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 2134; Lot: 1272 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 20760/2013. The approximate amount of judgment is \$999,811.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN

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VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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HANDY GIRL PROPERTIES, LLC Authority filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/05/2018. Office location: Kings county. LLC formed in Nevada on 09/17/2018. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Registered Agents inc. 90 State St. STE 700 office 40 Albany, NY 12207. Address of the LLC 515 E. 7th St., Apt. 2 K Brooklyn, NY 11218. Certificates of form on file with Nevada secretary of state 101 North Carson St. suite #3 Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8F, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8F, Plaintiff AGAINST ETTY SALAMON, YEHUDA SALAMON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58403
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-8 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST HAZEL-ANN RODERIQUE, et al.,

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Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1384 EAST 55TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 7852, LOT 65. Approximate amount of judgment \$298,030.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 505116/2017. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57563
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against MARIE C. JEAN-LOUIS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 12, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 6th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1120 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11212. (Block: 4650, Lot: 10). Approximate amount of lien \$ 932,105.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 511267-15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-8, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE- BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8, V. JOSEPH C. FERRIS; ET. AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 17, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-8, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE- BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8 is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH C. FERRIS; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on December 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 94 CELESTE COURT, BROOKLYN, NY 11229; Block 8946, Lot 922: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS

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AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504524/2014. Philip Kamaras, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SAMP RESTAURANT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to:Henrique Stangorlini 226 montrose Ave Apt 1A # 1A Kings #047 Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against MARLAN ALLEN, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered May 23, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 863 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Block 4060 Lot 41. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$713,136.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 507895/2013. Jaime Lathrop, Esq. Referee XCHJC005
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR VENTURES TRUST 2013-I-H-R, Plaintiff AGAINST Kirk Gibson, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 06, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 729 MACON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 66, LOT 1493. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,065,650.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2427/2008. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57696
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File No.: 2016-4626/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Peggi Cohen, Avraham Cohen,

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Rena Cohen, Albert Pokras, Beatrice Brown, Peter David Halper, Barbara Shroyer, Fern Collier, Sherry Collier, Estate of Seymour Collier, HRA-OLA-LRLU, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of ALAN HALPER, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of ALAN HALPER, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 63-47 76th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of ALAN HALPER, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 6th day of December, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$38,763.37 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$455,086.22 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 29th day of October, 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation
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Social.



The Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood. Photo: Reuters / John Altendorfer.

Jewish Celebrities Share Messages of Solidarity, Heartbreak Following Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A number of Jewish actors and actresses posted on Twitter messages of solidarity in the aftermath of Saturday's deadly shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue, in which 11 people were murdered.

Actress Amy Schumer said her heart was "broken" for the victims and everyone affected by the shooting at the Tree of Life congregation in Pittsburgh, while Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot wrote on Twitter, "All of humanity is connected to the same tree of life. My heart is broken and goes out to the families in Pennsylvania. May we all be free to embrace each other, spirit and soul."

Actress and "Girls" creator Lena Dunham asked people to pray for the Jewish community. She wrote, "I don't talk about my Jewish faith a lot, but it's a huge part of my life, family and heart. It is painful & tragic to see a place of prayer cleaved by bigotry & hate, yet again. Please return our shalom to us with prayers & active support of the Jewish member of your community."

"Big Bang Theory" star Mayim Bialik shared the following message:

My community was touched today by gun violence, by hatred, and by viciousness on our holy Sabbath. The Jewish community is a global family and we share the pain of our brothers and sisters in Squirrel Hill and greater Pittsburgh. May this transition to the week help us find something resembling sense. Pittsburgh, you are in our hearts.

Mayim Bialik
@missmayim

#TreeOfLifeSynagogue

9:28 PM - Oct 27, 2018

1,883 225 people are talking about this

Beauty and the Beast" actor Josh Gad wrote about attending services at Tree of Life when he went to school in Pittsburgh and added, "I don't know what to say anymore or how to say it. Words have clearly lost all meaning because we are doing NOTHING to stop innocent masses of people in schools, Churches and now Temples from being killed in droves."

Broadway star Ben Platt said the following in a political message:

Ben Platt
@BenSPLATT

We can't go to the movies
We can't go to church
We can't go to synagogue
We can't go to a mosque
We can't go to a concert
We can't go to school
We can't go to work
So we have to go to the polls. #GunSenseCandidates

3:28 PM - Oct 27, 2018

141K 40.8K people are talking about this

"Seinfeld" actor Jason Alexander said he had "no words" following the attack, adding, "Or rather, there are words that would bring change, but our leaders don't have the courage to say them. So, all we can do is say prayers. #TreeOfLifeSynagogue — our hearts continue to break."

Actress and singer Bette Midler shared her "deepest and sincere sympathies" to the families of those who died in the synagogue shooting, adding, "This horror is escalating day by day. If only we had LEADERSHIP that would actually take steps to stop it."

Actor Henry Winkler, famous for his role in "Happy Days," wrote a message to members of the Tree of Life synagogue who were affected by the shooting. Winkler said, "MAY THE TREE OF LIFE, in your community, grow stronger and taller and in peace.. We Winklers, like the rest of the country, are heartbroken for ALL of you."

Israeli Gold Medal Judoka Dedicates Abu Dhabi Win to Pittsburgh Massacre Victims

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Israeli judoka who won a gold medal at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam judo tournament has dedicated his victory to the 11 Jews were slain this past Shabbat at a synagogue in Pittsburgh.

"I send my condolences to the families of the murdered and wish a speedy recovery to the injured," 26-year-old Peter Paltchik — who competed in the under-100 kilogram category — wrote in an Israel Hayom op-ed on Tuesday.

The judoka also called the playing of "Hatikva"



Israeli judoka Peter Paltchik's gold medal.

Photo: Screenshot.

— Israel's national anthem — after the win was "most certainly a moment I will never forget."

Paltchik was the second Israeli in 24 hours to win a gold medal at the tournament in the United Arab Emirates — the other being Sagi Muki, in the under-81 kilogram category.



Israeli judoka Peter Paltchik's gold medal.

Photo: Screenshot.



Israeli judoka Peter Paltchik's gold medal.

Photo: Screenshot.

Opinion.

Politicizing the Massacre of Eleven Pittsburgh Jews Must Stop



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

This past Saturday, the Jewish day of rest, a middle-aged man burst into a baby-naming service at a Pittsburgh synagogue. What followed was the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history. Eleven men and women, who had come only to celebrate and pray, were gunned down, their blood pooling around their scattered prayer books. A heroic team of local police officers charged the Shul under heavy fire. Though many sustained severe injuries, the massacre was finally brought to an end. The gunman was captured and should, in my opinion, face the death penalty.

In the days since the attack, President Trump has unequivocally condemned the slaughter as an “antisemitic act of pure evil.” The president declared “the widespread persecution of Jews” to be “one of the ugliest and darkest features of human history,” and one that he vowed to fight. “It will take all of us working together to extract the poison of antisemitism from our world,” the president went on, asking Americans to “unite to conquer hate.”

The shooter, 46-year-old Robert Bowers, announced his arrival at the synagogue by screaming “all Jews must die.” He allegedly later told police officers that Jews were committing “genocide against his people.” Pretty ironic that. A racist Jew-hater claiming the Jews are guilty of genocide just one week before the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

On social media, Bowers had frequently attacked not only Jews but President Trump for his closeness to Jews, to whom he referred in the most grotesque terms. “Trump is surrounded by k****” the rancid killer lamented, “there is no #MAGA as long as there is a k*** infestation.”

Despite these facts, however, many people have come close to blaming Trump for the shooting. Joe Biden, widely expected

to run for the presidency in 2020, seemed to do so when he tweeted, apparently to the president, that “words matter” and “silence is complicity.” Famed economist and New York Times columnist Paul Krugman suggested that Trump was to blame, at least in part. Speaking sarcastically, Krugman tweeted a link to the story with the caption, “but none of the white supremacist terrorism has anything to do with Trump, oh no.” The Washington Post, also, featured an op-ed on its homepage titled “How Culpable is Trump for the Shooting?” The author of that piece, GQ’s Julia Ioffe, tweeted “a word to [her] fellow American Jews: This president makes this possible. Here. Where you live. I hope the embassy move over there, where you don’t live was worth it.”

To politicize the murder of 11 Jews — let alone the worst antisemitic attack on American soil in our nation’s history — is lamentable. Antisemitism and its tragic incarnation in this devastating attack are caused by those who actually hate Jews and call for violence against them. Sadly, there has never been a monopoly on antisemitism. It stems from both the extreme left and the extreme right.

It was the hard left that first accused the Jewish state of genocide and the IDF of being the Gestapo, and they have for years depicted Israel and the Jews within it as oppressors and murderers who deserve the waves of terror that they are repeatedly forced to endure. Witness Jew-haters like Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who just last week employed the worst Nazi verbiage by calling Jews “termites,” directly implying the need for their extermination.

We dare not forget Students for Justice in Palestine, who hold tributes to terrorist “martyrs,” such as Dalal Mughrabi, who carried out the greatest antisemitic attack in Israel’s history, murdering 38 Israelis, seven of whom were under the age of six.

Then we could point to the extreme right and the growing number of neo-Nazi filth who marched in Charlottesville to the chant of “Jews will not replace us.” We could certainly blame the festering scourge of white-supremacist scum, who have increasingly turned to violence

to express their hate-riddled thoughts.

Both extreme left and extreme right have shown horrible strains of antisemitism.

We must also blame nations like Iran that openly call for and fund violence against Jews across the world. We must also point to those who’ve offered them support. I will not politicize the murder of 11 Jews, so I will not point fingers or name parties. But dare not forget that the Iran nuclear agreement was negotiated by the United States all while the mullahs threatened Israel with complete annihilation. Will those who negotiated it expect us to overlook their agreement with Iran, despite the nation’s funding and execution of arguably the deadliest antisemitic attack in modern history at the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, which left 85 dead and hundreds more wounded? Do the parties who were in power then assume we will forget that it insisted on forking over billions of dollars in cash to this international standard-bearer for antisemitism, while never once condemning those mullahs for their unspeakable sins in both word and action?

As a Jew I am extremely grateful to President Trump for the unparalleled support he has shown Israel in the Oval Office. But that did not stop me from publicly and strongly criticizing the president for his failure to insufficiently condemn the white supremacists in Charlottesville. There was nothing but evil on the neo-Nazi side.

But if we are to criticize serious failure, as we must, then we must similarly laud significant success.

In defending Israel, Trump has exceeded our expectations.

He and his soon-departing Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley brought the fight for Israel at the UN to the highest bar yet. He moved the American embassy to the Jewish people’s eternal capital in Jerusalem, which neither Bush nor Obama did, despite the latter’s promises to do so in 2008.

President Trump has already made the decision to remove our nation from the disastrous nuclear agreement signed with Iran, which he called out as a “rogue state.” As we

speak, his administration continues its work to reenact sanctions and clear a way out of the Iran deal, not only for our own nation but for our allies in Europe and across the world.

President Trump also signed into law the Taylor Force Act, which finally sought to put an end to the Palestinian Authority’s sadistic practice of handing out actual monetary rewards to those who have killed Jews. Believe it or not, throughout the Obama administration, the Palestinian Authority was giving out enormous sums to those serving prison sentences for murdering or attempting to murder Jews in Israel. In the last year, the Palestinian Authority allocated over \$315 million — or eight percent of its entire overall budget — to their outrageous system of terrorist welfare. All this from the hundreds of millions of dollars the PA receives annually from the United States in foreign aid — or received, considering Trump has finally begun to cut it.

In fact, if Robert Bowers had been a Palestinian and his eleven victims Jews living in Israel, he and his family would have been collecting their terror-pension for the rest of their lives. And until the passing of the Taylor Force Act, would have thanked us for the cash.

Ultimately, though, what makes the accusations of antisemitism against Trump especially unfair is the fact that beyond just having Jewish friends and associates, he is the first president of the United States to have Jewish children and grandchildren.

Even Trump’s worst enemies would admit that he loves and deeply cherishes his daughter Ivanka, who is herself an Orthodox Jew. He supported her decision to join the Jewish people through the strictest processes of conversion, before throwing her a kosher wedding. Through his daughter, Trump now has three Jewish grandchildren who attend Jewish schools. His son-in-law Jared Kushner and Ivanka regularly attend synagogue themselves.

For Trump, the looming threats facing Jewish community centers have become, if anything, entirely personal.

As yet more Jewish blood is absorbed into the earth, we cannot allow these events to be sharpened into spears to be hurled against political opponents. That would only deepen the divides within a nation that desperately needs to heal. We must instead take a moment to reflect upon who are the ones truly spreading hateful gospels against the Jewish people, and do everything in our power to ensure that they are weakened, silenced, and eventually brought down.

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the love and faithfulness Abraham and Sarah had for one another. Together they embarked on a long journey to an unknown destination. Together, they stood against the idolatry of their time. Twice, Sarah saved Abraham’s life by pretending to be his sister. They hoped and prayed for a child and endured the long years of childlessness until Isaac was born. Then Sarah’s life draws to a close. She dies. Abraham mourns and weeps for her and buys a cave in which she is buried, and he is to be buried beside her. We then expect to read that Abraham lived out the rest of his years alone before being placed beside “Sarah his wife” (Gen. 25:10) in the “Cave of Machpelah” (Gen. 25:9).

Unexpectedly, however, once Isaac is married, Abraham marries a woman named Keturah and has six children by her. We are told nothing else about this woman, and the significance of the episode is unclear. The Torah does not include mere incidental details. We have no idea, for example, what Abraham looked like. We do not even know the name of the servant he sent to find a wife for Isaac. Tradition tells us that it was Eliezer, but the Torah itself does not. What then is the significance of Abraham’s second marriage and how is it related to the rest of the narrative?

The third clue to the hidden story is revealed in the Torah’s description of Abraham’s death:



And Abraham expired, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the Cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre, the field which Abraham purchased of the children of Het. There was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. (Gen. 25:8-10)

Ishmael’s presence at the funeral is surprising. After all, he had been sent away into the desert years before, when Isaac was young. Until now, we have assumed that the two half-brothers have lived in total isolation from one another. Yet the Torah places them together at the funeral without a word of explanation.

The sages piece together these three puzzling details to form an enthralling story.

First, they point out that *Be’er-lahai-ro’i*, the place from which Isaac was coming when Rebecca saw him, is mentioned once before in Genesis: It is the spot where Hagar, pregnant and fleeing from Sarah, encountered an angel

who told her to return. It is indeed she who gives the place its name, meaning “the well of the Living One who sees me” (Gen. 16:14). The Midrash thus says that Isaac went to *Be’er-lahai-ro’i* in search of Hagar. When Isaac heard that his father was seeking a wife for him, he said, “Shall I be married while my father lives alone? I will go and return Hagar to him.”¹

Hence the sages’ answer to the second question: who was Keturah? She was, they said, none other than Hagar herself. It is not unusual for people in the Torah to have more than one name: Jethro, Moses’s father-in-law, had seven. Hagar was called Keturah because “her acts gave forth fragrance like incense (*ketoret*).” This indeed integrates Abraham’s second marriage as an essential component of the narrative.

Hagar did not end her days as an outcast. She returned, at Isaac’s prompting and with Abraham’s consent, to become the wife of her former master. This also changes the painful story of the banishment of Ishmael.

We know that Abraham did not want to send him away — Sarah’s demand was “very grievous in Abraham’s sight on account of his son” (Gen. 21:11). Nonetheless, God told Abraham to listen to his wife. There is, however, an extraordinary midrash, in *Pirkei deRabbi Eliezer*, which tells of how Abraham twice visited his son. On the first occasion, Ishmael was not at home. His wife, not knowing Abraham’s identity, refused the stranger bread and water. Ishmael, continues the Midrash, divorced her and

married a woman named Fatimah. This time, when Abraham visited, again not disclosing his identity, the woman gave him food and drink. The Midrash then says “Abraham stood and prayed before the Holy One, blessed be He, and Ishmael’s house became filled with all good things. When Ishmael returned, his wife told him about it, and Ishmael knew that his father still loved him.” Father and son were reconciled.

The name of Ishmael’s second wife, Fatimah, is highly significant. In the Koran, Fatimah is the daughter of Mohammad. *Pirkei deRabbi Eliezer* is an eighth-century work, and it is here making an explicit, and positive, reference to Islam.

The hidden story of *Chayei Sarah* has immense consequence for our time. Jews and Muslims both trace their descent from Abraham — Jews through Isaac, Muslims through Ishmael. The fact that both sons stood together at their father’s funeral tells us that they too were reunited.

Beneath the surface of the narrative in *Chayei Sarah*, the sages read the clues and pieced together a moving story of reconciliation between Abraham and Hagar on the one hand, Isaac and Ishmael on the other. Yes, there was conflict and separation; but that was the beginning, not the end. Between Judaism and Islam there can be friendship and mutual respect. Abraham loved both his sons, and was laid to rest by both. There is hope for the future in this story of the past. Shabbat Shalom